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DEFENSE OF SPIRITUALISM?

Truth Needs No Defense

Existence of Spirit Phenomena Antagonizes Those Who Have Deep-rooted Opinions of the Limitations of Matter and Force

REVELATIONS—NOT ENOUGH

All Argument Meaningless — When Proof, Based On Fact, Is Supported By Positive Evidence

THEORETICAL ASSUMPTION—NOT ENOUGH

Fear of Being Deceived Prevents Hundreds From Seeking Proof and Positive Evidence So Sorely Needed.

By
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In what way should *Spiritualism* be defended? Has it open opponents? Is it iconoclastic in that it is only aggressive? Is it a cause that lacks assistance, whilst it is trying to correct wrongs that need resistance? Are its advocates weak in defense and need someone to wield blows in their behalf?

These are the *questions* that naturally arise from the attitude of people from within and without the ranks of Spiritualism. There may be some misunderstanding of the relations of each and all. The world's people do not look at new innovations upon old thought with kindly eyes, nor do iconoclasts, as a rule, feel kindly toward old institutions that have accumulated power.

It is necessary to have a good opinion of oneself; but that should not be at the expense of, or used for the detriment of another. No one person or sect can have ALL of the truth; for it takes all people to discover the manifold facts of the universe. These are not all fitted to one *ism*. But each *ism* is the ethics of some one or more of facts, deduced from these exclusively.

What Morse Said

Thus, is Spiritualism an *ism* including instinctively an array of facts that are appertaining to spirit functioning?

J. J. Morse said: "*Let us increase our belief in ourselves, and in the beauty and righteousness of our cause.*" That appears to be a good injunction. Perhaps there is too much cold philosophy and crude application of judgment. The nature of spirit phenomena is essentially antagonistic to preconceived opinions of the limitations of matter and force.

In the psychic realm of facts, it is difficult to believe the external senses, which are the complement of our normal physical powers. Thus it is possible that even "*the Spiritualists do not believe these great revelations half enough.*"

The best defense of a truth is in demonstrating that truth. The truths of the fact are self-evident. No amount of argument contrary to evidence of the senses will have weight with a witness. He needs no defender to stand between evidence and conviction. The fact is all sufficient.

No Relative Testimony

It is thus only that *Spiritualism* needs defense; for it is the result of evidence and that evidence must come to the person directly and not by any intermediary agency other than his own faculties of sense and reason.

All attacks against evidence of the character is unavailing. We know and we see or hear, *all we know and see or hear.* And they who attack by some principle of judgment, without direct evidence, are *not capable judges.* And they who attack by some *apriori* other than the one assumed or evidenced, do not produce relative testimony.

Assumption and presumption galore have been brought to counteract the *apriori* of spirit agency; but nothing substantial in evidence has been recorded.

Theoretical Affirmations

The burden of proof is upon the one who affirms; and the *Spiritualist* has ever been ready to offer proof. He has never begged the possibility of evidence. They who deny that spirits of mortals exist after death, or if so, they cannot communicate with us, have never offered other evidence than theoretical presumption. The affirmation of "*impossible*" transfers the burden of proof from the affirmant; and proof of the impossibility of spirit communion has *never* been forthcoming.

Hence, there are only theoretical affirmations to attack upon the part of *Spiritualists.* These are vulnerable as the theorist may or may not understand the operations of natural law. The true course of the *Spiritualist* other than by phenomenal presentation, is to prove the operation of cause and effect. Have they not such testimony in the potency of matter and its indestructibility and by its continuous processes of re-formation?

Intolerance Prevails

Therein lies the evidence of the claimed fact, without a single recourse for the phenomena of the spirit *per se.* The best defense of spirit life and communion is natural law. And thus the predicate of perfect naturalism in spirit phenomena is supported. The question of open or any kind of enemies need not be evident; for all truths have these, and they are not competent simply as such.

Prejudice, bigotry, intolerance, and ignorance, have always been arrayed against the most important discoveries in the physical realm. Why should it be thought harmful that a similar array of opposition shall be hurled against the psychic demonstrations?

It Is All Truth!

Are not all innovations upon preconceived customs and acceptances, *iconoclastic?* It is but natural that the psychical claims shall all be innovations upon the material suppositions and understandings of men. Thus, whilst *Spiritualism* has been iconoclastic, it has also been a constructor of new and better principles than it has destroyed. Its aggressiveness has only been against error; and without fear or favor, its advocates have entered the arena for combat in order to achieve good results wherever they have seemingly caused injury.

Spiritualism recognizes only truth. Its investigators have had an eye singly to the discovery of facts. It advances no limitations; but beckons to all facts and truths as the essential for human good and spiritual growth. *Spiritualism* cannot be limited—*it is all truth!*

Psychic Facts Evident

Being so all-comprehensive, it always will need assistance. It will never be *all-capable* as a doctrine, but ever expansive as human and spirit intellects shall expand. Its field of labor is wherever wrong or error shall require resistance. The strength of an advocate does not always measure the power of a truth.

Mortal mentality is not always capable of grasping the grandeur of a revelation. Magnificent forces have always been active and evident in the universe have but in late centuries been cognized by human mentality. That did not create a truth—it only discovered the same.

Psychic facts have always been in evidence and not seen as such; and these are now plain to some and unobserved by others. A *Spiritualist* is not necessarily greater intellectually than others; but differentiate in capacity as do others.

Our Great Need

They do, therefore, possess more or less of weakness to present the truths that comprise the philosophy of spiritual force. Some will grasp its beauty as they witness a fact, whilst others may see the fact and gain no impress of its value.

It is necessary that some shall lead them into comprehensiveness, whilst others supply the material quality to afford the means for phenomenal demonstration. Too many rely on spirit to do great things for them, even if too many have expected the Lord to render the necessary service for their welfare.

The great need in human life is for personal culture. People are too dependant; and should cultivate independence. Our whole salvation is the result of personal endeavor. We are responsible on earth in order to develop the greater power for capacity in the eternal spheres that stretch ahead into the immensities. Therefore *Spiritualism* suffers just as its advocates are weak in comprehension of their infinite power.

To strengthen *Spiritualism,* it is necessary to strengthen the integers represented by its advocates. They should each be students of the occult (unknown) and not dwell in the house of crass materiality only. The field of philosophy and spirituality beckons to a ripening harvest.

Sow and Reap Theory

In the garnering of this spirit fruitage, we find the old precept; "*What-so-ever a man soweth, that shall he also reap,*" is a demonstrated fact. No principle enunciated by *Spiritualism* is clearer than that.

The statement attributed to Jesus; "*If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them*" is applicable to the *Spiritualist.* As they know, law is absolute, they cannot escape consequence, they should do the works of the spirit, against which there is no law, and not be slaves to the lust of the flesh, against which there is positive laws. And, as spirit proofs are positive of the proper conditions, the opportunities should be increased.

Fear of Deception

The people have received much on faith, and doctrines of priests and conclaves have warped their opinions into the belief that the day of manifestation is now impossible; hence, they must not offer any opportunity for deception.

In fear of deception, they refused to seek for evidence, and remain blinded by bigotry and intolerance. They are yet in the condition Jesus found the people, vis. "*Neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*" (Luke 16:31)

In the defense of, or advocacy of *Spiritualism,* this spirit in the people is constantly met. Hence, the spirit demonstrations are constantly necessary; and should be very carefully utilized by mediums, and mediumship should be incessantly sought for by the people. When all understand that the psychic quality to insure mediumship is an innate force in all people, and no class of persons have control of its right and title, then will mediums multiply in homes and make it an ordinary function of each human being on earth.

They must understand, however, that the well known principle of '*like attracts like,*" is positively applicable to this unfoldment of power. Thus, differentiation of gift, and of the intellectual result of mediumship, will be manifest.

Gift Not Sought

The query relating to why some people have mediumistic power, and others have not been so favored, is relevant only when the querist has sought diligently and has not found. All powers of the human require application in order to unfold or perfect.

The common question; "*If my spirit friends can come to another and manifest, then why cannot they do so direct through my own agency?*" is answered by the query; "*What have you done to develop such possibility?*"

There are a few psychics, as there are some artists and musicians, to whom came unsought the gift of ability. As a rule, these powers are unfolded by application. Each gift, or function, requires certain manner and much persistency of application, in order to unfold the same. But, upon a cursory view of the sublime soul

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The Dead Have Never Died

There is an Etheric Double. Personal testimony, after having conducted over 1800 experiments, proves there can be a definite separation of the psychic body and physical organism.

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WHEREIN APPARITIONS AND POLTERGEIST PHENOMENA IS TESTED

By

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Students of psychic research know there is a good reason for believing in what is sometimes called the *"etheric Body."* Various other names have been given to this evasive counterpart of the physical organism.

Spiritualists usually refer to it as the *"psychic double;"* in *Germany* it is termed the *"doppelganger;"* the *Maoris* of *New Zealand* call it *"atua."* According to these interesting primitive people, *"if a man has no atua he can have no form."*

This idea, less clearly expressed, prevails among students of the occult. They believe the *etheric double* is a kind of matrix into which the substance of the physical body is gradually built, giving it form and life. If these two bodies are temporarilly separated the individual becomes unconscious.

The Etheric Double

Many people maintain that this accounts for the unconsciousness of sleep. When permanently separated, as in death, the physical body decomposes because its particles no longer have the coordinating influence of the etheric body to hold them together.

I can bear personal testimony to the existence of the *etheric double,* owing to a series of experiments I conducted several years ago. They comprised about one thousand eight hundred separate efforts, during which I was able definitely to separate myself, in my psychic body, from my physical organism.

That a connection between these two bodies exists when they are temporarily separated was shown by the fact that on one occasion I was able, while out of it, to make my physical body speak, and heard distinctly the sound of my own voice proceeding from it while it lay in my etheric body some distance away.

Spontaneous Phenomena

There is a certain amount of danger in these experiments. My last efforts nearly proved fatal owing to my heart failing when I returned to my body. After that I ceased experimenting.

In my travels about the world, I have met a great many people who have experienced spontaneous and unsought for detachments of this kind. They have included a number of more than averagely intelligent business men, whose testimony was particularly reliable.

In the Records of the *Society for Physical Research* there are a number of accounts bearing on this subject of the etheric body and its separation from the physical organism which strengthen confidence in the belief.

I have referred to these *theories and* experiments for the purpose of showing that the following *strange* story is not to be dismissed as *mere* hallucination. It may well have its foundation in fact.

A Rare Apparition

About ten years ago, an American lady consulted me in London on a very curious case of apparent haunting of herself by her husband, a very prosaic and rather phlegmatic business man. He was totally unaware of any unusual activities on his part, and for a long time attributed his wife's fears and complaints to a too active imagination and mental weakness.

He was, therefore, as much worried about her as she was about him. Finally he was compelled to admit that there was something uncanny and supernormal about the affair.

The woman's complaint was that her husband had a *"double"* which insisted on disturbing her, and later her daughter, in a cynical way. At first the *"double"* appeared when her husband was asleep, then it came while he was awake. It never threatened, but merely came in a mocking irritating way, as if intent on disturbing the lady's peace of mind.

What She Saw

At first she thought it was the spirit of her husband who must have been killed. Hastily rushing to the telephone she found her husband quite well. Her telephone ring had awakened him from slumber.

She had been sitting in her hotel knitting, thinking of nothing in particular. On looking up she was astonished to see her husband standing before her with a mocking smile upon his lips. He moved a few steps and then bowing slightly disappeared.

"Are you sure it is your husband's apparition?" I asked.

"It resembles him as a rule, in every respect except his eyes. They are the same color, but there is a curious deep, cunning look in them which I have never seen in my husband's."

"Why do you feel so sure it is your husband?"

"Because it has the general atmosphere of his personality as well as his appearance. Yet I know it is not he."

"How is that?"

"Because my husband is always somewhere else at the time the form appears."

Physical Impossibility?

Only a few days before evidence of this had been forthcoming. while that lady was reading, her husband came into the room and walked past her and around a *Japanese* screen. The next moment the apparition appeared before the screen bowing mockingly as usual.

The woman jumped from her chair and rushed round to the other side of the screen. There lay her husband unconscious on the sofa. I suggested that he had played a joke on her, pretending to be the apparition and had then fallen on the sofa and deliberately assumed unconsciousness.

"I should have thought so too if the "double" had not worn a hat and coat while my husband had on neither. It was physically impossible for him to have put them on and taken them off in the time it took me to run round the screen. I accused him of doing this, however, and he indignantly denied it and told me that I was mad."

Cries of Distress

Here was the main danger of these appearances. They were not only worrying the poor woman because of their uncanny nature, but they were giving rise to serious misunderstanding. The husband, thinking his wife was losing her reason, was inclined to put her away for the sake of their child as well as for her own sake.

I advised the woman to go back to her hotel and if the trouble occurred again to return to me and we would see what could be done to discover the cause of the strange phenomenon and endeavor to stop it.

She returned within a few days accompanied by her husband. He was now convinced that there was something supernormal about his wife's visions, as he had that morning witnessed an occurrence which could not be accounted for by any known normal law: While his wife and daughter had been sharing the same bed, he occupying an adjoining room. Suddenly he was aroused by cries of distress from his wife and child. Rushing into their bedroom he found them both in a state of hysteria, gazing fearfully towards the side of the bed. On enquiring the cause of their trouble they both pointed towards the bedside, saying, *"Look, look, there is your apparition!"*

Others See Same Form

He could see nothing unusual until his wife said, *"Look at the watch!"* Now was his turn to be startled, for to his astonishment he saw his wife's watch suspended in the air without visible means of support, the chain attached to it hanging loosely in the air extending from his wife's pillow.

Her account was that while lying with her eyes open in bed she saw her husband's *"double"* suddenly appear with the usual mocking smile. It stood for awhile by her side and then, stretching forth its hand, took from under her pillow her watch, which was attached to a long gold chain. The weight of *her head on* the pillow kept the chain in position while the apparition held the watch. Her cries aroused her daughter who on looking up saw the same phenomenon.

The presence of the husband in no way disturbed the apparition, which calmly replaced the watch, rose from off the bed on which it had seated itself and looked at the man. Up to now the man had seen no form, but to his astonishment the apparition came gradually into view, and he had the rare experience of looking at him-

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Mr. Leaf wrote: "What Is This Spiritualism?" (1918), "Under the Southern Cross" (1923), "Psychology and Development of Mediumship" (1926), "Ahmed's Daughter" (1933) and "What Mediumship Is" (1935).

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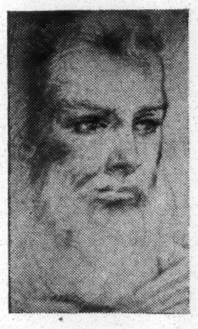

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SOME HINDRANCES TO HEALING

The quality of true faith is adherent in all human beings. It does not require material circumstance to bring it forth into conscious expression.

CAUSES MUST BE SET INTO OPERATION BEFORE EFFECTS CAN BE ANTICIPATED.

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We are living in times of the re-awakening of the Soul of man to the Divine potentialities latent within him and their vibratory affinity with SPIRIT SUBSTANCE, of which we are the natural product, physically, mentally and spiritually.

Things of the Spirit, however, must be discerned by the Spirit, which gradually becomes objectified in proportion to the unfolding of the Spiritual Consciousness within.

Man is a spiritual being and he cannot, therefore, live by "bread alone"; in other words, we must learn to function on all planes of our existence if we desire to enjoy the "more abundant life" during this short episode of our cosmic journey.

Lack of Faith?

I have frequently been asked why some folk appear to receive very definite benefits and cures through Spirit Healing, whilst others are not so fortunate. Quite apart from my own experience, I have sought diligently for a reasonable explanation from many contemporaries in the Healing Ministry.

The explanations offered have been many and varied, and include *lack of faith, ignorance of spiritual law, neglect of the human body, belief in hereditary disease and psychological causation,* to name only a few.

From my own experience I consider that all these explanations have a foundation in fact and that they seem to apply to a great number of cases. Let us, therefore, briefly examine these points of view.

Lack of Faith

The word "faith" has, no doubt, an ecclesiastical bias, very hackneyed and somewhat out of favor in a materialistic age.

Without faith, however, nothing in this world would be achieved. We must have faith either in a person or persons, in the seen or in the unseen, an ideal, a process, a new plan or a national objective, but, above all, faith in oneself as an integral part of the Cosmos.

In Spiritual and Psychic Healing do we discover much Faith?

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The answer is: Yes and No. There are many who may believe in a particular Healer and his methods, but we are not at all sure of the source of his inspiration and power to heal. Many are more than willing to try the experiment, arguing that it can at least do no harm.

No Preparation

I ask the reader: *Is this Faith?* The answer is No! It is a mere commonplace hazard. Should such folk fail to receive almost immediate results, the Healer is often considered to be at fault. These same folk will undergo months and years of orthodox treatment without any apparent results and will pay willingly for such treatments, or expensive operations; yet they expect immediate results from the Spiritual Healer.

In such cases there had been no preparation, no real expectancy, very little co-operation and the attribute of Faith practically non-existent. For this very reason I always refuse to give any treatments until at least a reasonable understanding has been established. In the Scriptures we read, *"Lay hands suddenly upon no man,"* which can only mean that a healer should refrain from giving treatments in a haphazard manner.

"Miracles of Healing"

We must first sow the good seed before ever we can expect to reap the harvest, or, if you prefer it, new causes must first be set into operation if corresponding effects are to be anticipated, which is only a common-sense view of applied science.

Some readers will doubtless ask, *"What about 'Miracles of Healing'?"* I don't like the word *"miracle,"* because I believe that all life is NATURAL, and functions in accordance with the Divine Plan of the universe. These sudden happenings do take place, and I have seen many such cures, if we examine the spiritual outlook and general "make up" of the person concerned, one usually discovers *"Faith"* as the background of the so-called miracle.

Do You Have Faith?

For example, I was called to minister to a child of eleven years of age suffering from some strange fever which the doctor could not eliminate. I talked to him quite simply about the Healing of Jesus Christ, and asked if he believed it was true.

The reply was immediate, *"Oh yes!"* the little chap said. *"Well,"* I replied, *"let us do what He told us to do to heal the sick. Let me lay my hands upon you so that the fever will be taken away."*

The child willingly agreed, and after *"tuning in"* I laid hands upon him, concluding with a short affirmative prayer. *"Off you go, little man,"* I said, and from that hour the little fellow was completely cured.

I could, of course, multiply such cases, but here was an example that a simple and unspoiled Faith was already present, not only in the Spiritual Power, but in me, as the Instrument. The little fellow could not, perhaps, have explained his faith, but his Soul knew the Truth. Obsession cases in children have been dealt with in similar fashion, with corresponding results.

God's Opportunity

One further example may be useful, that of an adult, in case it should be thought that only the young have Faith.

This man was suffering from acute pains in the right ankle joint, through a bad twist. He had heard me lecture on Spiritual Healing and was evidently impressed. He came to me the following day for treatment, which I carried out, and within half an hour all pain and symptoms had left him. His Faith had made him whole.

As a further example, I was requested to treat a bad case of cancer. This patient was given only a very short time to live. After the first treatment, however, all pain disappeared, and subsequently the X-Ray disclosed that the growth had become *"non-operative,"* and, as far as it could be ascertained, it dated from the first treatment.

The requisite faith in these cases, as with so many others, was already existent in some degree, which inclines to the belief that the quality of true Faith is inherent in all human beings, both in the young and in the not so young. It does, however, require some material circumstance or condition to bring it forth into conscious expression.

Truly, then, man's extremity is so often GOD'S opportunity.

Ignorance of Spiritual Law

With regard to this factor, happily there are many signs that a lively interest is taking place in all matters appertaining to a knowledge of Spiritual and Psychic phenomena. This knowledge is finding expression in Psychic teaching and experiences and by the findings of modern science.

Seeing that man is fast becoming more and more aware of the potentialities within himself for a greater expression of his own spirituality, we may confidently anticipate a fuller understanding and appreciation of the unseen powers which govern and direct the methods of the unorthodox healer, whose work will cease to be regarded as some magic formula, but will be accepted as a perfectly natural manifestation of cosmic Law, which was so completely

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NOTED SPIRITUALIST

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Rev. Melvin O. Smith, 84—14th St., Columbus, Ohio; lecturer, teacher and mental medium; Pastor of The Memorial Spiritualist Church, Marion, Ohio; Vice-President of The Ohio State Spiritualist Association; President of The N.S.A. Junior League; N.S.A. National Missionary.

While attending the Ohio State University, he became interested in psychic phenomena and together with a fraternal brother, Paul Cecil, investigated Spiritualism. Before graduation, both become convinced of these truths and attended classes conducted by Rev. Nellie Brown of Columbus and the late Rev. George B. Cutter.

Rev. Smith was featured medium for the Oklahoma State Spiritualist Association convention last April and he is scheduled to serve, during the coming summer months, The Mount Pleasant Park Camp, Clinton, Iowa; Brady Lake Spiritualist Association, Brady Lake, Ohio; Lily Dale Assembly, Lily Dale, N. Y., and the Spiritualist camp at Etna, Maine.

LEAF'S ARTICLE

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self. The form was dressed exactly like himself, and in every way duplicated his appearance.

The husband was now as anxious as his wife to be rid of the strange visitor. He insisted that it could not be in any way connected with him, but I detected a note of uncertainty in his voice. Before he left me I intimated that I would be pleased if he could arrange to see me alone.

Like Two People

A few days later he kept his appointment, and I was surprised at the great change that had taken place in his appearance. His face was drawn, and he looked fearfully dejected. On enquiry I discovered that since seeing the apparition he had experienced a curious psychological change. He felt as if he were two persons instead of one.

"The feeling is awful," he said with a shudder. *"My body is no longer a real part of me. I seem to be looking out of my eyes as if out of windows and I am becoming a poltergeist. Every night after I retire I seem to rise in a phantom form, walk about the house and move the furniture. Members of the hotel staff saw me, and I have had to move into a flat where we are alone. My wife and daughter see me regularly and are frightened to distraction. The fact is the apparition is me and I must stop it at all costs. What can I do?"*

"External Entity"

My suggestion was that I should experimentally hypnotise him and see what suggestion would do. This was done with extraordinary results. Under hypnosis he passed into the deepest degree of artificial somnabulism, and developed a distinct *second personality.*

At first I thought this was an entity distinct from himself but after careful enquiry discovered that it was not so. Some aspect of his subconscious mind, it claimed to have been born when and where he had been, had the same name, and, while obviously having a character and independence all its own, it was clearly a part of himself.

By carefully interrogating *"it"*, I obtained a strange unexpected story. It assured me that my patient was a very *"sensitive, unstable personality,"* that he was subject to the *"invasion"* of an *"external entity"* which was by no means wicked, but merely desirous of having earthly experience. This it strove to attain through my unfortunate patient.

At My Command!

To attain this end it borrowed the appearance of the man and sometimes his *"psychic double."* *"It really has a body of its own,"* explained my hypnotised subject, *"but finds it difficult to manifest physical through it. Always when appearing it borrows substance from my body, and when that is not sufficient it extracts my etheric body and uses that. I cannot as a rule see it owing to the substance when extracted modifying my eyesight, but almost any other person could do so."*

"What is the cause of the new development—the poltergeist?" I asked.

"Oh, fear has done that. Realising that the apparition is that of a real personality has acted as a powerful suggestion. Knowing that sometimes when it appears I am unconscious, the possibility of myself making the appearances has worked upon me and caused me to leave my body during sleep and wander about doing silly and aimless things."

Whatever may be the value or truth of this explanation, the fact remains that I commanded the detachments to stop, and that the man should henceforth resist effectively all unusual interference with his personality, and the apparitions and poltergeist appeared no more.

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Defense of Spiritualism?

INCONSISTENCY NEEDS NO DEFENSE

The modern Christian is the last person who should deride the ministry of the spirit. If they return at all, they return in accordance with natural law.

THERE ARE NO MIRACLES THOSE DAYS ARE PAST

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capacity of the human, as revealed by psychism, the querist expects its power to be spontaneous with demand.

This inconsistency seems to require no defense; for psychic manifestation depends upon physical, mental and spiritual harmony. There are more "*ifs*" in the Bible than the ordinary reader would suppose. One of these applies here; "*If therefore, ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?*" (Luke 16:11).

Apostolic Periods

By this, we learn that if human persons have been unwisely applied to the damaging power of unrighteous mammon, they cannot have the true riches of the soul, hence psychic forces are dormant or encrusted by selfish, worldly defilements. The "*if*" and the "*why*" of non-manifestation of spirits to many people is solved by the lack of true personal riches in the psychic quality. Cultivate the psychic element or power and we shall be in attunement to the psychic quality of the excarnate people.

Ever since Job of olden times asked; "*If a man die, shall he live again?*" Humanity has asked the same question. It was the vital query of people during the *Messianic* and *Apostolic* period; and as yet so of the professed *Christians*, as well as of *Hebrews* and *Pagans*.

This "*if*" has come down the ages; and must be met and solved now or sometime. NOW, IS ALWAYS THE BEST TIME.

Jesus is reported to have said; "*If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it,*" he then added; '*The Father will do it.*" The evidence of the "*Father*" so often spoken of by him, is the spirit control of Him (Jesus) as a medium.

What If Spiritualism Is True?

Thus, if the *Christians* desire to "*do the works*" of the *Holy Spirit* they must ask in the name of the father, (spirits) and they will do it. Do they ask? Do you? If not, then why project these "*Ifs*' you do relative to "*why*" you do not have the power of the spirit.

This also answers the query; "*If one communicates—Why not all?*" As the spirit people are the direct sequence of earth people, then the unfoldment of psychic power is just as necessary with the spirit as with mortals.

But, if *Spiritualism* is true—*what then?* The reply is naturally; *make good use of it.* All truths and facts of nature are for some use; and usually we must experiment until we discover the use.

The utility of the truths of *Spiritualism*, are as self evident as of any truths not so classified, if there are any truths that do not belong to *Spiritualism*. All truth is co-related to the spiritual welfare of humanity; hence, all this comprise by what is called *Spiritualism*, has a relative good to the human family.

Twelve Good Points

Succinctly, the good is as follows:

(1) It demonstrates that death does not end all.

(2) It furnishes comforting and helpful communication between spirits and mortals.

(3) It unfolds knowledge of the exact conditions of life beyond the grave.

(4) It reveals to us how to live on earth.

(5) It makes the possibility of useful help from spirits of wisdom.

(6) It teaches us how to escape the direful results of contact with evil spirits.

(7) It demonstrates that inspiration is a living power of every incarnate soul by every excarnate spirit.

(8) It proves how the works of the *Messiah* and the *Apostles* were accomplished.

(9) It proves that the *Holy Ghost* is the power of good spirits.

(10) It proves that modern *Christianity* has departed from the primitive works and no longer demonstrates what is called resurrection.

(11) It proves by present revelation in harmony with that of the past, that the law of God is the eternal law revealed by nature.

(12) The good of Spiritualism will be made more and more manifest in the destruction of superstition, bigotry, intolerance, and supernaturalism, all of which are the bane of humanity.

Has Christianity been proved? It does not appear so; for only the minority of the world's people are *Christians;* and the professed are in dispute one with the other about its essential principles, until sectarianism is the result.

It seems to be "*A House divided against itself.*" According to the scriptures, a house so divided, "*Cannot Stand.*"

"Ifs" and "Buts"

To unite *Christians* and to teach true *Christianity*, there must be the doing of the "*works*" that *Jesus* did and giving a positive proof of the resurrection.

These, Spiritualism is doing and becomes the hope of the world for the restoration of the true *Christian* dispensation. When that era ensues, then the "*ifs*" that have baffled humanity and the church will have been solved. The proclamation is made and substantiated by the testimony of a great number of people of the world, that there is no "*if*" about the communication with the spirit friends. Such testimony is indeed valuable as evidence. It is more than any other claim of our faith that exists as only history of generations agone.

These are present-day living witnesses. Can their testimony be set aside with an "*if*" or a "*but*"? If so, then the faith in past revealments of spirit power and communion will no longer impress the generations. Skepticism has grown because of the lack of present-day truth; especially in the light of the statement by Jesus that "*Greater works should be done.*"

Paul's Ideas

Some of the "*buts*" used by modern *Christians* are scarcely worthy of them, and yet these sway many minds unto prejudice against the evidence. Many refuse to investigate for fear that God is sending them "*strong delusion.*" Such an estimate of *God* is unworthy of a mind that adores *God* as the *God* of justice and mercy.

Paul, the apostle, was the author of that idea. He was seemingly provoked at the time, because of some "*deceivableness of unrighteousness*" in that some of the wicked "*received not the love of truth.*" Then he uttered: "*And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.*"

From God To the Devil

Failing to believe the truth seemed to be to *Paul* a very dangerous condition of mind to get in to. Take warning, then all, all who deny the truth. This is supposed to be the description of the anti-Christ and was preceded by the statement: "*Even Him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.*" (2 Thess. 2:9).

This becomes the cause for the fear with regards to spirit manifestations, that are these lying wonders; hence they use an oft' repeated but; "*God may be permitting the Devil to give us strong delusion.*"

Thus, the "*delusion*" is switched from *God* to the devil. Let us see if either will hold good. *Paul* follows by saying: "*God hath chosen you to Salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.*" That looks a little as if the spirit has a great office in our behalf and will make us "*beloved of the Lord.*"

Foolish Logic

The *Satanic* agency cannot be in the spirit works, for they do not come with all power and signs and lying wonders. Their power is not "*all power*" by considerable, nor are they usually as "*Lying wonders.*"

By such evidences, the Spirit manifestations are not at all *Satanic;* for they teem with love, affection, helpfulness and wisdom. And they prove to be accurate and not false. This old form of attack has often been silenced and needs very little defense because of its importance.

Then it is said: "*God does not send his angels or spirits, anymore to minister unto humanity.*" Who can prove such accusation against God? There are many evidences that the spirit ministers unto "*our salvation.*" *Paul* asked: "*Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*"

Records of Phenomena

The modern *Christian* is the last person who should deride the ministry of spirit. There is no evidence that spirits are no longer sent, even as they were sent in *Apostolic* times; for if they came then, they did so by natural law, and such laws being unchangeable, must exist now. "*But, the day of miracles is past.*"

The day of miracles never was; for a miracle is not a miracle unless performed outside of natural law. Phenomena, not understood, and some spurious record of wonderful occurrences, have been heralded as miracles. All of them, that evidently occurred, are provable by natural law, and are being duplicated.

Hence, this charge fails. The miraculous is no longer a miracle. Phenomena of nature is no longer called the direct power of God. Thus miracle in all departments of nature are being found to be perfectly in accord with law that is eternally the same. "*But, inspiration ceased after the Bible was written.*"

Again, it is right to ask: *Who can prove this so?* Indeed, there exists a great deal of need, and much effort is applied to try to prove that inspiration existed during Bible times. Better prove the premise before a resultant is postulated. "*But, faith in the written record is sufficient without any proof at this date.*"

Diversity of Spiritual Gifts

That may be so to some; but to thousands of others it would entail and cause infidelity, despair and denial; causing others to accept the Bible blindly and worship it as a fetish. The proofs of spirit life are necessary today to stem the growing tide of materialism. There must be proof to the logical and scientific people of this age.

Nothing short of present proof will suffice to give any credence to many for the Bible students of spirit ministry. This credence falls by its own weakness, and becomes a byword to the one who begins to see that an enlightened interpretation of the scriptures is badly needed. "*But, my spirit friends would communicate with me direct, and not through another person, if they could come at all.*" Then, why have they not done so all these years of your life?

The fact is proved, that they do communicate with some; and it behooves YOU to tell why they do not come to you. Perhaps your spirit friends are anxiously awaiting such a glorious opportunity. Read about the diversity of spiritual gifts, enumerated by *Paul*, and determine which one you possess, and then exercise it and enjoy the sweet communion. Very likely you may be so able.

Law of Differentiation

No one denies this possibility for you more than you do for yourself. You are not, however, able to do many things and have not the manifest talent of many other people; and yet you will acknowl-

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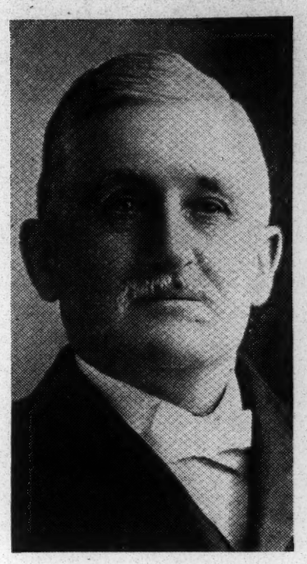

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My Return *to the* States

By

JULIETTE EWING PRESSING

I have told you about my plane trip to London (March 10th issue); about my "First Week in London" (March 25th issue); about "My Second Week in London (April 10th issue) and now I believe that to eliminate a record of the return flight to America would be unfair, because the trip was one of excitement and interest from beginning to end. Besides, in my conclusion, I left myself in England. I really must return to my PSYCHIC OBSERVER family, so, even at the expense of dragging out the London trip, I'll tell you about the return flight.

On Tuesday, February 5th, I left London by train for *Christ Church* and *Hurn Field*. And then the first sign of America. It was immediately after entering the compartment on the train. Here the attendant gave a big box lunch to each passenger booked on *American Airlines*, Flight II. This box contained chicken sandwiches, candy, fruit, cakes and nuts,—the first assortment of its kind we had seen in two weeks,—excluding my Sunday dinner with the "G.I.'s."

I 'Phone Mrs. Stobart

When I reached *Hurn Field*, I was advised that, due to weather conditions, the flight was postponed until the following day. I was taken by bus to *Chatfield House*, Boscombe, a seaside resort near *Bournemouth*. I was given a room on the fourth floor. Behind a dresser, that had to be removed to open a door of a closet, I found the gas meter and had to insert a shilling in order to have fire. The room was very cold.

Never having seen such an arrangement, I had to call the bell boy to unravel the mystery of how to light the gas grate. Here again, *no towels*. I was told to use my pillow case. In America, it is hard for us to believe such shortages exist.

While we were waiting to be advised of the time of our departure for the airport, Mr. Pressing remarked that we should try to contact *Mrs. M. A. St. Clair Stobart*, one of England's great Spiritualist propagandists and leader of *The Confraternity of Religion*. It was Mrs. Stobart who led the *Serbian Retreat* during *World War I.*

Off To Ireland

Sure enough, the phone book listed Mrs. Stobart and Mr. Pressing phoned her. It was early in the morning but we were advised by the housekeeper that Mrs. Stobart would see us around noon. Unfortunately this tentative appointment could not be kept because no sooner had Mr. Pressing hung up when an announcement was made that we must hurry to the bus which was to take us back to Hurn Field and America. We didn't even have time to inform Mrs. Stobart of the change in our plans but a letter to her explained our predicament.

Once at the airport, we took off immediately . . . on our way to *Ireland*, the first lap of our return journey.

After a smooth and uneventful flight, I landed at Shannon Field. Immediately upon entering the lounge an attendant served a beautiful tea including all kinds of sweets, not to be had in London.

Shortly, the call for Flight II to New York came over the loud speaker, so all passengers went to the plane. Away I flew, sublimely happy, but in ignorance of the difficulties confronting the Captain. After 125 miles out, the stewardess announced that the plane was returning to Shannon Airport, Ireland, as some mechanical device that controlled the heating system was out of order.

Ennistymon Visited

Back again to Shannon. After anxiously awaiting the call to be off, I was told that dinner was ready for passengers of Flight "II". Another excellent meal was served, but ere this, after a breakfast at *Chatfield House*, luncheon at *Hurn*, and only a 250 mile flight since having had an abundant tea, I was not hungry.

After waiting quite a while, the announcement was made that we would be delayed until the following morning. A bus was in readiness to take the passengers to *Cascade House, Ennistymon*, Ireland.

We drove 30 miles to this quaint Inn. Upon arrival, I thought the place was on fire because a peculiar smokey smell greeted my nostrils when I entered the door. However, when I went to my room, I discovered what the smoke came from. The Irish people burn peat, or turf. It is hardened soil, that at a certain season in summer, is dried and prepared for winter fuel. Probably, I should have known some of these points, I am telling, but I did not, so for others, it may be new too. Plenty towels here though.

14 *Hours In the Air*

The following morning, I slept until 10 o'clock. Some of the passengers were growing impatient, but I've tried to learn to take things in my stride and enjoy myself. Fretting doesn't make the condition change, it only makes the "*fretter*" nervous and sick.

The night before, I met the wife of Ennistymon's leading banker. She invited me to call to see her. Incidentally, our conversation began by her remarking about what she called 'my beautiful nail polish." Such luxuries as nail polish and lip stick have been practically unknown in England or Ireland for years. Upon my return home, I sent this lovely lady a lipstick and bottle of nail polish.

I visited several unique shops, but before I could call on my new Irish friend, the courier came to collect me to go to the airport. At the end of another bus ride of thirty miles, I reached *Shannon*. Luncheon was served. Then on the plane for a gloriously smooth flight acros sthe Atlantic to *Gander Field, Newfoundland.*

By this time, the passengers were all well acquainted so I sat beside the different ones to chat. During the night, the *Aurora Borealis* shone out. These lights were indescribably beautiful, and fascinating. But, by this time, after 14 hours in the air, the beacon light at *Gander Field*, was even more beautiful to me. This, I could see as the plane approached.

Reported Lost

I was now more familiar with what to expect, so I observed that the captain was flying around, then ascending, then going down a bit, but after riding with these skillful pilots, and knowing that every precaution is taken for the safety of passengers, I didn't feel apprehensive. Finally, we landed in snowy *Newfoundland*, at four in the morning. A big breakfast was prepared for us.

The announcement was then made that the crew, weary from a long overdue landing, had to rest. Our flight was postponed until the following day.

Into a bus I climbed for another ride. The army airport and barracks are being temporarily used by *American Export Air Lines* so the men and women passengers separated to go to different buildings. Mr. Pressing and I, unsophisticated in air travel, jointly used a brief case for the overnight return trip, as we expected to be in New York within 15 hours. He gave his brief bag to an English friend.

Well, anyhow, I went with the women into a barracks. When I got into the building, the courier announced that there wasn't room for more guests, so—into another bus. This time, I was billeted in an army hospital. It was rather "eerie" to go into a semi-dark room filled with hospital cots. Women were sleeping in beds here and there.

Victim of Sun Spots

One young woman raised up from her bed and grabbed me. She said, "*What is your flight number?*" I replied "*Flight* "11" *enroute to New York*".

"*Thank God*," she said, "*you have landed. Did you know that for two days, your plane has been out of communication with the land? The sun spots have created magnetic storms. The static had cut off radio*".

Even this failed to perturb me. I was tired and sleepy. I crawled into an army cot, between fresh,

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HISTORY OF STANSTED HALL

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The estate of Stansted was bestowed by William the Conqueror in 1066 on Robert Gernon, whose name is on the roll of Battle Abbey, and in the Doomsday Book he is described as Robert Gernon, Baron Mount Fitchett. He built the first Stansted Castle. The Mount Fitchetts were great people in these days, one being Forester of Essex in 1200, besides being Sheriff of Essex and Hertfordshire. His son was one of the 25 barons chosen in 1215 to govern the realm in the reign of King John.

In 1242, he was appointed Sheriff of the counties of Essex and Hertfordshire and Governor of Hertford Castle. The estate remained in the Mount Fitchett family until 1334 when it was bought by Thomas de Vere, Earl of Oxford, in which family it remained until 1461, when the estates were confiscated because the twelfth Earl of Oxford was a Lancastrian during the Wars of the Roses.

King Henry VII then conferred the estate in 1485 on Queen Elizabeth, widow of King Henry IV, and on her death returned it to the Earl of Oxford in which family it remained until 1582.

Then it came into the ownership of Sir Thomas Middleton who was Lord Mayor of London and about this time the first Stansted Hall was a large square mansion with two square towers. In this family, it remained until it was purchased by Thomas Heath, the member of Parliament for Harwich, whose family retained it until it was bought by Mr. E. Fuller-Maitland, and on the death of his grandson it was bought by Arthur Findlay in 1923.

The remains of the original Stansted Castle, and its out works, still stand, and the remains are also to be found of the first Stansted Hall which was burned down last century, when the present handsome mansion house was built in its place.

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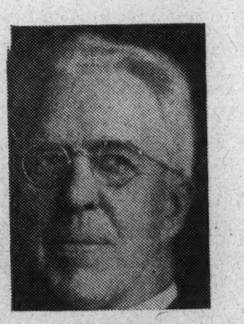

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Neglect of the Human Body

Seeing that Man is a three-fold being, physical, mental and spiritual, functioning as one whole, each department, as it were, requiring its own special nourishment, in order to sustain itself, if any one of these departments is neglected, it is logically bound to effect the others, seeing that they are all acting and re-acting upon one another.

Everyone accepts the action of the mind upon the body, and vice versa, therefore we need not be surprised if, through neglect of the body in matters of food, hygiene, exercise, etc., it becomes diseased. In acute cases this condition becomes chronic, and the sufferer more or less accepts it as inevitable. In such a state of mind and body, the sufferer may seek out the help of the Spiritual Healer, but Faith and expectancy of a cure must first be fostered in the mind of the patient, which is greatly assisted when good results start to manifest after the first treatment, or soon afterwards.

It should be evident, therefore, that in all such cases a careful psychological survey must first take place, and the old harmful habits must be gradually transmuted into more natural avenues, before any lasting results can be expected, which is one reason why some folk are healed quicker than others. The flesh wars against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh. *"Faith without works is of no avail."*

Belief in Hereditary Disease

Here we are up against one of the greatest difficulties, seeing that such a belief is often deep-rooted and feeds upon man's worst enemy, fear. Take, for example, a case of consumption. A child born of a family whose parents or forbears have been affected by this disease.

As the child matures, a slight cough may occasionally take place, when immediately the parents or some friends will remark, *"He has got his father's cough"* or *"Just like his grandad, you know,"* etc.

And thus the seed is sown in the child's mind. The vibration of the disease may be latent in the child's blood stream, but, through constant repetition in the child's hearing, that he has inherited the disease, he accepts the suggestion and adds to the mischief by affirming it to himself every time he coughs.

YOUNGSTOWN MEDIUM

Psychic Observer

Alice Woodhouse (72), healer and mental medium for the Spiritualist Mission 303 West Federal St., Youngstown, Ohio; she has been serving the cause of Spiritualism for the past forty years and is highly recommended by The Mission's Vice President, George W. Coonfer, 350 N. Main St., Hubbard, Ohio.

We have already seen that the mind is continually sending forth its vibrations to every cell of the physical body, which, being *"cell-conscious,"* immediately reacts to the impulse, whether it be a constructive or a destructive vibration. In all such cases the mental suggestion of diseases would be accepted, and the cells would vibrate accordingly, tending to develop the disease.

Hereditary Taints

If we add to this condition the element of fear, the case becomes still more difficult to handle. It should, therefore, be the bounden duty of all parents, relations and friends to refrain from every remark calculated to add to the fear and distress of the afflicted person, replacing same with thoughts and words of encouragement, hope and Faith. This is not a question of *"turning a blind eye"* upon a reality, but it is a question of working together with the unseen benevolent laws.

We are not fated by hereditary taints, in spite of the outward appearances, which if taken in hand early, and given the prescribed medical aid in conjunction with Spiritual and Psychological treatment, would result in a great many more so-called miraculous cures. The day is dawning when the Doctor, the Psychologist and the Spiritual Healer will be complementary to one another.

It will, therefore, be appreciated that this particular hindrance to Spiritual Healing can be overcome and indeed in many cases of the kind the teaching and treatments of the unorthodox Healer, with or without medical co-operation, may still be quite successful.

Jesus Christ healed all that were brought to Him, and His promise, *"Lo I am with you always"* in Spirit, sometimes called "The Christ within," still holds good, but there is one condition, and that is Faith. Whether we understand it or not, the results will largely be in accordance with the degree of Faith expressed by both the Healer and the patient co-operating and working together with the cosmic law.

Creeds and Dogmas

It might well be asked what type of person is likely to benefit most from Spiritual Healing. From my own long experience, paradoxical as it may sound, I would reply, both the Believer and the Unbeliever.

In the case of the Believer the psychological frame of mind has already been developed to some degree, but in either case there is to be found the latent element of Belief and Faith in some Spiritual powers or forces, about which the human family is becoming increasingly aware.

The particular religious denomination of such folk is merely incidental to the environment of their upbringing and teaching. The fact, however, remains that many have outgrown the dictates of Creeds and Dogmas, and the incarnating Ego has gradually expressed itself and guided these individuals, through human experiences, into avenues of research which have led to the acceptance of Spiritual Law, which awaits manifestation through the degree of Faith and Spiritual awareness of each individual concerned.

The so-called Unbelievers are really of two grades or levels of consciousness, namely, those who have had little chance of Spiritual education, and who have therefore become indifferent to almost any form of Belief.

Theologically Unspoiled

They like to be called Realists, whatever that means, and yet from my own experiences of such folk, especially when I was serving in the first Great War, those who called themselves Atheists were some of the finest specimens amongst us, self-sacrificing, brave, and splendid fellows.

Should any such find himself grievously wounded, it was a remarkable fact that they frequently desired the presence of the Padre. In extreme adversity they reverted to their true type and in their Souls they knew they were children of the Eternal GOD-Spirit.

This type are unspoiled theologically and therefore in great physical need and sickness, the patience, skill and loving understanding of the Enlightened Healer, working on the Love Ray, discovers that his endeavors have not fallen on barren soil. We should therefore remember that *"the sick heard* (i.e. responded) *to Him gladly."*

Merits of Healing

The second half of this grade includes all those people of higher educational opportunities who have studiously graduated along the avenue of academical investigation and research, and have become enveloped in a morass of speculative philosophies, appertaining purely to the intellectual and logical faculties which, in a previous article, we have called knowledge but not necessarily wisdom.

This type, on account of their academical training, are very quick to perceive the merits of Spiritual Healing if the facts placed before them bear evidence of practicality and demonstration.

In such cases, and I have had many, the response has been perhaps slower, but the indwelling Spirit has reacted favorably, particularly as physical and mental resistance had been weakened through sickness, so that the Over Soul of the cosmos had the opportunity of manifesting Divine Law.

Most truly has it been said that *"Man's extremity is GOD's opportunity."*

In conclusion it will, I think, be clear that hindrances to Spiritual Healing and its manifestation very largely depend upon the amount of Faith with understanding which is exercised both by the Healer and his patient co-operating together in Spiritual Alliance, or at-one-ment with the Consciousness of the All Pervading Creative Spirit, who manifests His Own Laws, and through whatsoever vehicles or channels it has pleased Him to call into being, whether in the seen or unseen.

Truth Revealed!

There is but One Law, One GOD, One CHRIST-Spirit, and it does not matter by what names the physical vehicles may be called, they either have or have not the qualifications for the Ministry of Healing.

In *"The Secret Doctrine,"* that great Teacher, *"The Buddha,"* states:

"We must not believe in a thing SAID merely because it is said; nor TRADITIONS merely because they have been handed down from antiquity; nor RUMORS, as such; nor WRITINGS by Sages simply because Sages wrote them; nor FANCIES which we suspect to have been inspired in us by a 'Deva' (a Spiritual Teacher), but we are to BELIEVE (or have Faith) when the writing, the doctrine, or the saying is corroborated by our own consciousness; for this, says the Buddha, I taught you not to believe merely because you have heard, but when you believed of your own consciousness—then act accordingly and abundantly."

In other words, True Faith, the lack of which is a great hindrance to Healing, must spring from the consciousness within the Spirit-Soul of each of us. In the degree of our awareness will the veil be lifted, Truth revealed, thus removing all hindrances to the blessedness of Spiritual Healing.

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John: Come along in, old man. Take that chair by the fire. We shall get an hour to ourselves before dinner. It *is* good to see you again after all these years. Got a match? Things not going too well? You look depressed. Or are you just bored with all that drawing-room babble, after the solitude of your African desert? Hows the wife?

Thomas: *Old friend*—I'm alone in the world—and—frankly, I can't stand it. Cowardly? Perhaps. But—well, don't be surprised, or shocked, if—Those women just now little knew how they were treading on the raw, chattering light-heartedly about dead.

John: Dear old man. I didn't know. What brutes we must have seemed. Look here. Where are you staying? Pitch your tent with us for a bit? Mollie would—

Thomas: Just like you, John. But I couldn't face it. A wounded animal likes to hide.

John: But we could help you—we, Mollie and I, would prove to you that your wife is not dead, as you imagine.

Thomas: You don't believe all that nonsense they were talking just now about ghosts and spooks and rubbish of that sort? I used to look upon you as a level-headed fellow.

John: I believe in Spiritualism.

Thomas: Good Lord! Well, what is Spiritualism? A new-fangled religion?

John: It isn't new-fangled. It is as old as the hills. And it isn't necessarily a religion. It's a belief, and a belief only becomes a religion when you live in accordance with the belief. Christianity was a religion to the first disciples, because they lived up to it. It isn't even a belief today, worse luck; it is only a tradition, a superstition.

As a matter of fact, Spiritualism has been the basis of every religion the world has ever known, because all religion has come by revelation, and Spiritualism is the science which teaches how you can obtain revelation.

Thomas: Well, I'm dashed! *You* call Spiritualism a science! Have you all gone mad?

John: Well, what is Science? Isn't it a knowledge of facts which can be proved by experiment? And, mind, you, it isn't necessary that success shall follow *every* experiment. Astronomers know to their cost that after the most elaborate and costly preparations, fog may nullify an experiment for which conditions were otherwise unique, and for which perhaps they have waited for centuries.

But we Spiritualists can say, broadly, that the main tenets of our belief can be, and have been, proved by experiment, under test conditions, in such manner as to satisfy many of the greatest and most critical intellects.

Thomas: You surprise me. You seem to be in earnest.

John: My dear fellow, I never

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What I Observe by R. G. Pressing

General Assembly Convention

The fiftieth anniversary and convention of *The General Assembly of Spiritualists of the United States of America* will be held June 27th, Thursday (Banquet) 28th, 29th and 30th at Pythian Temple, 135 West 70th St., New York City, according to *Everett Britz*, secretary. Reservations for room accommodations must be made before June 5th by writing to *Rev. Leighton Ayling*, 1127 Hancock St., Brooklyn, N. Y. or *Rev. Lillian Bleser*, 446 40th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Noted Philosopher Passes Away

F. Homer Curtiss, President of The Curtiss Philosophic Book Co., 5130 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., passed away several months ago. According to his wife, Eleanor O. Curtiss, "Personal Survival" and "Reincarnation," two of her husband's latest books—written shortly before his "graduation" into the spirit world, will be published about midsummer. Some of Curtiss' outstanding books published during his lifetime and on the market today are: "Realms of The Living Dead," "The Voice of Isis," "Why We Are Here" and "Pattern Life."

Do You Know the Reason?

The truths of *Spiritualism* not only have to be explained from the philosophic point of view but these same truths must be demonstrated scientifically . . . all of which necessitites a tremendous amount of propaganda. Other religious teachings need only to be explained and as the decline in converts seems to be alarming, some religious leaders are advocating world-wide advertising campaigns. It is a fact that *The Church of England* appropriated a half million dollars recently for such a campaign. The *Baptists* are faring no better. In the ten years from 1935, their membership in London has fallen off 33,000. Still more alarming to the sectarian heads is the fact that there is a decrease of 140,000 in Sunday School scholars. The *Baptists* should also anticipate an advertising campaign.

S.M.A. Convention

The 28th annual conference of The Spiritualist Medium's League was held at the First Christian Spiritualist Church, 412 East Maple St., Adrian, Michigan, April 26th, 27th and 28th. A special meeting was held April 25th by the official board: President, Rev. Alma Eastman; Vice President, Rev. Russell Karn; Secretary, Matilda Stork; Treasurer, Rev. Walter Heller; Trustees, Rev. Myrtle Holmes, Rev. Myrtle Freeman, Rev. Rebecca Prevot and Rev. Mae Stewart. The publicity director for the S.M.A., Rev. Howard Wormood, reported record attendance at the convention — speakers and mediums from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and New York State.

Chain Lake Camp

The eighteenth annual session of the *Chain Lake Spiritualists' Camp Association* will open July 1st and close August 25th, according to *Mable Barnes*, President. The *"Camp"* consists of twenty-four acres of land owned by *The Michigan State Spiritualist Association*, under whose charter it operates. Meetings are held every Sunday in the new, fully equipped auditorium, seating capacity 225. Nearest Post Office is located a short distance from the camp at *South Branch*, Michigan. To reach the camp, take auto route M-23 north from Bay City, through Pinconning and Standish. Turn left 1½ miles east of Omer on Route M-65 and drive through Twining, Whittemore and Hale. Turn left at Hale through Long Lake and South Branch to Chain Lake. For 1946 programs write secretary, *Frayne Pansera*, 1402 Townsend Ave., Detroit (14), Michigan.

Pierce's Missionary Work

Rev. Carl Horton Pierce, leader of The Foundation bearing his name and Educational Director of The Federation of Spiritualist Churches, Inc., is completing a missionary tour of South and Middle West. Accompanied by his wife, Rev. Myrtle E. Pierce, he stopped at the office of Psychic Observer recently . . . enroute to the Federation Convention in Chicago. Rev. Pierce is author of the book, "Heal Yourself" — now in the second printing.

Moses Hull

A letter from *A. E. Pine*, 72, Los Vegas, Nevada, states that *Alfa Niver*, Los Angeles, California, a sister of *Moses Hull* is very much alive and that he corresponds with her regularly. Many old-time Spiritualists and many of the real students of our literature know the works of *Moses Hull*, especially his classic, *"The Encyclopedia of Biblical Spiritualism."*

Mr. Pine's letter is most interesting for he says: *"Moses Hull was my own uncle. I well remember, as a boy 7 years of age, when Uncle Moses and Aunt Mattie visited in our home. We were Seventh Day Adventists, and Moses was, at that time, an Adventist Minister, but when he 'turned' Spiritualist, of course everyone whispered about that he 'had deserted to the Devil'. I am more than interested in Spiritualism and would like to see a Spiritualist Society organized in this magnificent city."*

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Healing Center In India

During the past few months Psychic Observer has received a considerable amount of correspondence from R. S. Puram, leader and K. S. D. Ayer, secretary of The Spiritual Healing Center of Coimbatore, India. Books based on the teachings of the center's principal spiritual collaborator, RAM RAM, have been received and their contents prove that great strides are being made in India to spread the truths and teachings of Modern Spiritualism; all of which has been the result of the tireless efforts of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Rishi, who have, for the past twenty years been regular visitors to meetings sponsored by The International Spiritualist Congress.

Rodin In Canada

Rev. Bernard Rodin, noted speaker and trance medium, left London, England over seven years ago. During that time, he has carried on his spiritual work in Canada and the United States. A letter just received states that he is now staying at 693 Bathurst St., Toronto, Canada where he will remain with his wife until *Lily Dale Assembly* opens June 30th. Rev. Rodin says that Toronto has considerable possibilities for a Spiritualist medium and that he has been serving *The Britten Memorial Spiritualist Church* and *The Springdale Spiritualist Society*.

Spiritualism in the Philippines

In a letter received from Pfc. Eugene M. Houghtaling, Manila, Rizal, P. I., a vivid account of Spiritualism's progress in the Philippines is outlined. Says Mr. Houghtaling: "For two years I have known about Spiritualism and have pursued my investigations wherever the army sent me. I was surprised to find Spiritualism strongly entrenched over here. Some of the things I heard about are too astounding to be kept locked up.

"In Tonsuya, Rizal, a suburb of Manila, there are many Spiritualists who are witnessing spirit-surgery, viz. appendectomies. Unlike the famous case at Pindamonhangaba, Brazil, in which Bernardi di Verdi was operated upon by a spirit doctor and left neatly bandaged and sewn, these operations leave no visible scars.

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"The patient was instructed to lie in bed for the three days following the operation and then to "take it easy" for the seven more days. The appendix, it is claimed was passed on the third day after the operation.

"Since then twelve others, including Esperanza Pascual, Epifania Verdon, Flora Villanueva, and Vectoria Salamat have undergone the "spiritual-knife."

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was more serious, and I tell you bluntly, this thing has transformed all life for me. Look here, Thomas. Spiritualism is either true, or it's false; there is no halfway house, for if we can prove one case for Survival, the whole case for Spiritualism is proved.

Now, you used to be a fairly regular Church-goer, and your Church bases its argument for the possibility of a future life, on the reputed survival of one individual who lived two thousand years ago.

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We have found that Survival is a law of Nature, and is not dependent upon Divinity, or saintliness of character. We—I—have spoken to dozens of those who have been buried, as dead. Mollie and I are in constant touch with our boy, and if you——

Thomas: Don't——don't——it couldn't be——What?

John: There's the dressing gong. Now, Thomas, you are going to stay here to-night—perhaps many nights—and we'll have further talks. Meanwhile——

Thomas (as they rise): All very well—you lost your son, and I suppose it's natural with some people—you, or probably your wife, *wanted* to believe. I'm not like that.

John: But wanting a thing does not make it true if it isn't true. This thing has been found to be true by many people, scientists to wit, who didn't at all want to prove it to be true.

At any rate, my contention is that it's either true, or it's false, and *if* it's true, it's the most glorious truth man has ever learned, and since it's concerned with our Eternity, it has seemed worth while to me to take some trouble to find out whether it is true or not. But come along upstairs. I'll send for your things. We're by ourselves to-night, and Mollie will see that you have all the necessaries. (*They exit.*)

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Noted Speakers and Mediums Listed On 1946 Program

By a
Psychic Observer Reporter

The sixty-seventh annual session of *Lily Dale*, known as the "*Largest Spiritualist Camp Assembly in the World*," will open June 30th and close September 2nd, according to *William A. Johnson*, President.

Special Days

The official 1946 program lists special days: *Fireman's Day*, July 4th; *Ohio State Day*, July 13th; *Illinois State Day*, July 20th; *Community Club Day*, July 26th; *Buffalo Day*, July 28th; *Pennsylvania Day*, August 3rd; *Canadian Day*, August 5th; *National Spiritualist Association Day*, August 10th; *Membership Meeting Day*, August 12th; *N. S. A. Junior League Day*, August 21st; *Woman's Day*, August 24th and *Mediums' Day*, August 26th.

Educational Classes

Classes teaching the science, philosophy and religion of *Modern Spiritualism* will be under the direction of Sarah Parker *Thompson*, July 1st-6th; Albert E. *Vaughn Strode*, July 8th-13th; Dr. Jacque *Savage*, July 15th-27th; Bertha *Marx*, July 29-August 3rd; Dr. Victoria *Barnes*, August 5th-17th; William Elliot *Hammond*, August 19th-24th and John A. *Armistead*, August 26th-31st.

Forest Temple Services

Forest Temple meetings at 9:30 A. M. will be supervised by Albert E. *Vaughn Strode* during the month of July and John A. *Armistead* during the month of August. The 4:30 P. M. *Forest Temple* meetings, Winifred *McAndrews* during July and Ida *Moore* during August.

Leolyn Woods Meetings

The 1:30 P. M. *Leolyn Woods* meetings will have as chairman, Raymond *Cudney* during July and Sarah Parker *Thompson* during August. Elizabeth *King* will conduct the 6:30 P. M. *Leolyn Woods* meetings during July and August.

Organ and Soloist

Several times during each month of the regular Lily Dale season, special choral and quartette concerts will be held. These concerts, conducted by Lee Hess Barnes, will be accompanied by noted singers.

Hotels and Cafeteria

Lily Dale operates two hotels and a cafeteria. During the summer sessions, furnished rooms and apartments are available at over one hundred of the two hundred and fifty cottages located on the assembly grounds.

The Fox Cottage

Again this season, through the mediumship of *Flo Cottrell*, spirit rappings will be demonstrated at *The Fox Cottage*. Since 1916, when this cottage was moved from Hydesville, N. Y., to Lily Dale, Miss Cottrell has startled and convinced thousands of skeptics with her phenomena . . . shattering conclusively the "toe-joint snapping" theory of Spiritualism's erstwhile opponents.

Speakers and Mediums

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FIFTY YEARS AGO AT LILY DALE ASSEMBLY
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The picture above, taken during the 1900's, shows the crowds interested in Spiritualism during the days of W. J. COLVILLE, William LOCKWOOD, Moses HULL, Cora L. V. RICHMOND, Elizabeth Harlow GOETZ, John SLATER and other great pioneers. Today interest has increased tremendously and it is reasonable to believe that crowds equally as large will attend the Sunday afternoon meetings in Lily Dale's mammoth auditorium. Lily Dale is internationally known, not only as the Largest Spiritualist Assembly in the world but also the present home of THE FOX COTTAGE, where over a half million people have heard spirit rappings, similar to those demonstrated by THE FOX SISTERS in 1848.

Defense of Spiritualism?

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edge that they are capable. Differentiation is a law of nature, and is distinctly marked in the display of human talents or gifts. It is entirely unreasonable to ask such a question; for the questioner has usually done nothing to unfold the psychic quality necessary.

Proper mediumship requires purity of body, spirit and soul, in order to become the agent for spirit ministry. Material phenomena are evidenced by some peculiar physical quality related to psychic energy.

Your hereditament and environment may have been in opposition to these developments, just as they have operated against your musical, artistic literary or some other talent displayed by many others, perhaps less worthy than you.

Your spirit friends do not decline to use an instrumentation of the mortal that give them an opportunity, no more than you do of any messenger you may employ. "*But there is fraud.*"

Out of the Past

It is sad to relate that it is true. There is, however, very little fraud and no fraud in truth. The question is more important; is there a genuine phenomenon of the spirit of any character, that has occurred at any time in history, to any person of the past or present?

If there is a record of such a manifestation, then the fact is evidenced. If it has occurred, then it is possible that it shall occur again. Our better interests consist in hunting for that genuine than for a vast amount of fraud.

In a little less than a century, Spiritualism, as an *ism*, has done a marvelous task for human reformation, and their preparation for spirit life.

Spiritual Ethics

The working system of *Christianity* has had nearly *twenty centuries*. The fact of fraud, crime, debauchery and misery in the world, so prevalent, is to deride the power of past teachings for reformation and progress. The cry of fraud in the world is a reproach to Christianity of the past.

Spiritualism, as a system of spiritual ethics, is the great hope of the world from mental, moral and spiritual purification of the people. The church is far from being triumphant, it is yet being attacked as an unproved system; and forces its way more by emotion than reason and demonstration. A religion of fact continuously demonstrable, is the great necessity to satisfy scientific and philosophical mentalities.

Solving Life's Problems

Faith and belief must be supplanted by revelation and comprehension. There is only one hope for us, as now made manifest, viz.: *We must hold communion with the risen spirit, and have revelations from the spirit world, or revert into crass materialism, for our solvent of life's problems.*

Science and spirits are opening the way; and we stand at the threshold of the time when the resurrection will be demonstrated to our sight and understanding. The spiritual intelligences using the organism of *John*, the seer, were capable in bringing true revelations to this medium of old.

Hear and respond to their command: "*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit sayeth.*" (Rev. 2:29).

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My Return

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clean sheets, where I slept soundly until 10 A. M. that morning. Then, to breakfast. After a short wait, the call came that our plane was ready to take off. I mounted the steps to sink into my seat, in the beautiful plane that was to take me H-O-M-E. At 6 o'clock, I landed at *La Guardia Field*, New York City.

What I Told Them

Had the trip home only been fifteen hours, as it was going over, I wouldn't have seen *Ireland* at close range. I wouldn't have met: a delightful *French* girl; a charming *Scotch* G.I. bride, en route to meet her husband; a widely traveled and most interesting woman from *South Africa*, who was coming to meet her sister in New York; a delightful *Swiss* gentleman who was coming to take his old father back home after six years absence during the war; and a sweet, dear soul from *Czecho-Slovakia*.

This Czech woman was very quiet. On the trip over, I decided to engage in conversation. She told me her story. She was a native of *Czecho-Slovakia*. She joined the woman's army. In some way, she became a prisoner in *Siberia*. Every living soul she knew, including relations were killed in this war. She was en route to *Mexico City* to join a cousin of her late husband.

Noticing that she was quite depresed, I told her about Spiritualism and she accepted it, because she has had some experience as a result of prayer. This experience made her know that all God's children are cared for by his *Angel messengers*.

The delays provided the opportunity to meet people from many lands. All people are very akin when we learn to know them in close proximity, such as in an airplane.

The *American Air Lines* are good hosts, and other than delays that were for my protection, *the entire flight from beginning to end was splendid.*

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